

The current FCC rules in accordance with the industry de-regulation in 1989 have already allowed too much concentration of ownership of television and radio licenses in the hands of too few. This has resulted in fewer voices being heard, and therefore less diversity of opinion. Also, there has been a decline in the quantity and quality of news and current affairs programming. The proposed relaxation of the existing rules and regulations will make a bad situation immeasurably worse, and I oppose the proposed changes. I am outraged that Chairman Powell has refused to consider rescheduling the June 2 vote and schedule more public hearings, despite the fact that the FCC has received millions of emails and petition signatures requesting that he take these reasonable steps. He even has the temnerity to ignore the specific requests of 150 Congressmen and women, both Democrats and Republican, to delay the vote. His arrogance is staggering. The FCC is supposed to regulate the industry, not enable a few players to capture the airways, control the dissemination of the news, earn billions of dollars, and ignore the Public Interest.